

~~The first May will enable you to comprehend~~
~~the exact state~~ together with the report of our
last meeting which we enclose will doubtless
enable you understand, why ~~your~~ letter though welcome
as a mark of your fraternity & kind feeling
was not appropriate to our case, ~~because~~ ^{to escape} where
great principles of action are assailed & where ~~baseness~~ ^{treachery}
is ^{to} ~~striving~~ ^{to} uphold itself by falsehood & deception
you will of course instantly perceive that ^{your} ~~such~~ excellent
letter & resolutions are inapplicable. They ~~have~~ ^{were} not
~~yet~~ ^{been} presented to our Society in full meeting, (though
all the ^{actual} members have probably seen them) for
reasons which you will learn from the report
of our last meeting. Requesting for our Society
(of whom we are as fit representatives as any others, as
we are now actually without a board of officers,
a continuance of your favours, we are ~~gratefully~~ ^{gratefully}
& affectionately yours for the slave, M

Letter to
Society

Ms. A. 9. 2. 16